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AND PETITION IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my  
name; that

I verily believe that I am an original first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **CARBOXYESTER-MODIFIED VINYLIC POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS** described and claimed in the attached specification, that I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims;

That I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application, that this invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States prior to the date of this application on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months before this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware, which is material to patentability as defined in 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed by me or my representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States.

And I hereby appoint Customer Number 36876 --

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and I hereby appoint the registered practitioners associated with Customer Number 36876, and each of them, my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I further recognize and acknowledge that the true party in interest of the invention described and claimed herein is the assignee, MeadWestvaco Corporation.

Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

I, the undersigned petitioner, declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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